



SKI SHASTA LODGE IS BURIED BY SNOW ON ONE SIDE

The other side, along with parking lot, was almost cleared

Road still closed

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Blue skies turn Shasta into a feast for the eye

With snow and more snow glistening under bright, blue skies, Friday would have been a perfect day for skiing at Mount Shasta.

The only things missing were skiers.

After two years of famine, it has been a feast as far as snowfall this month at Ski Shasta. About 20 to 25 feet of white stuff is on the ground at the resort.

And more than 11 feet of it is still blocking the Everett Memorial Highway leading to the resort.

Siskiyou County road workers labored most of the week trying to clear the buried highway. By Friday afternoon, they had cleared one lane of the road to within a half-mile of the lodge.

Workers reported snowdrifts up to

20 feet high slowing their progress. The resort, which has been closed since an avalanche took out five towers on the Green Butte chairlift two weeks ago, won't be reopened, officials say, until both lanes of roadway are cleared.

Ski Shasta workers also took advantage of the good weather Friday to continue digging out the resort lodge and parking lot from the snowpack. The lodge entrance and parking lot were fairly clear by the end of the afternoon but from the backside the lodge building appeared almost buried.

Workers stayed at the lodge all week while trying to get things straightened out. Supplies and food were carried into them on snowmo-

biles, the only way to get into the resort at this time.

Snow was piled almost to the top of the first towers on both the Green Butte and Panther Creek chairlifts. Before the Panther Creek lift can begin operations, about 6 feet of snow will have to be removed.

Meanwhile, talks between Ski Shasta officials and the Kimberly Clark Corp. about locating the resort farther down the mountain are continuing with reports of some progress.

But is isn't all bad news for Shasta County skiers.

Officials at Mount Lassen Ski Area reported Friday was a great day and conditions through the weekend should be good, with about a 12½-foot base.